

NEW MEXICO

Who on earth do they call the "Fads and fancies" people New York's smart set?

We know husbands to mean that they won't even permit their wives to quarrel with them.

If it were as easy to find gold as it is to discover graft, one might find a mine almost anywhere.

Chemist Wiley has gone over to Scotland to test the whisky. There's a foreign mission for you!

A few more Lord Milner vestments from Rudyard Kipling and Alfred Austin will have to look to his laurels.

Baron Komura deals in \$40 tips and works all night sometimes. There is no doubt that the Japs are civilized.

At his own request Paul Morton's salary has been cut. He will have to worry along somehow on only \$30,000 a year.

Italy's Dowager Queen is coming over here next autumn for a visit. She is fond of autoing, and will keep the wife awake.

The war is costing the mikado a million dollars a day, or enough to enable him to live at a fashionable New York hotel.

New York is threatened with a second insurance scandal. Skeletons seem to take up most of the closet room in that town.

All in vain will be Burbank's efforts to protect the potato until the average cook learns how to boil it right, and then get the water out.

An aged negro in New York went to sleep on a third story fire escape and, but fortunately landed on his and suffered no injury.

It all the bomb-throwers of Europe are directing their attention to the grand dukes. Some of them are engaged with Sultan Abdul Hamid.

The editor of the Atlanta Journal is in earnest in his efforts to reform the Georgia legislature. He has begun the task of whipping the members, scriam.

It is proper to remark at this point that the battleship Missouri, by exhibiting its heels to the other vessels, becomes rightfully the show ship of the navy.

The illustrious governor of Pennsylvania says Quay was a "greater statesman than either Webster or Clay." This ought to hold the country for awhile.

A London cabman has invented an automobile that can be drawn by a man. What the world wants is an automobile that never has to be drawn by a man.

House on the stage of a New York theater stopped the performance of the night, the chorus girls feeling in terror. Why should chorus girls be afraid of mice?

Reginald Vanderbilt has become captain of the Newport polo team. How proud the old commodore would be now if he could behold his illustrious descendant.

The enthusiasm of scientists is well illustrated by Dr. Kirkland's story of how he spent six hours in a tree one night for the observation of the gypsy and the brown-tail moths.

Tom Lawson warns young men that as a business proposition speculation is as bad as playing the races. There are times when Tom as a guide, philosopher and friend is simply great.

That wealthy New Yorker who refused to buy food for his starving mother was not sent to prison, the court probably reasoning that his proper place was in an anthropological museum.

A Buffalo woman recently got married to her second husband on the day of his predecessor's funeral. She must have been determined to be the central figure on a gala occasion for once in her life.

A flying machine projected by a gasoline engine is the device of a Chicago man who promises to make Washington from Chicago in ten hours. While he stays up those below can avoid the smell.

Pierpont Morgan already has the walls of one room covered with pictures "valued at \$5,000 a square foot," but he is always ready to buy a few more yards of pictorial art when he finds pieces of the right size.

The fact that an insurance official has been discharged for talking too much will be likely to meet hearty approval from people who, after saying no, are robbed of valuable time and deprived of patience by insistent solicitors.

It has been necessary for the general manager of the Cleveland street railway system to issue a general order forbidding girls from sitting on seats while the cars are in motion. Have they eliminated the curves to Cleveland?

To life worth while? Well, we should say so, every bit of it and every minute of it, from the cradle to the grave—Chicago later Ocean.

It is a Chicago man feels that that reason have any of the rest of the world?

Newton of Greenwich, Conn., can "recall only three years on which he sits with his feet on the ground." It is his theory that if he sits on the ground, he is a New Yorker.

Last week at the Indiana colony near Alamogordo in Otter county, the three wells were 40, 115 and 142 feet deep, respectively.

The peach crop is now occupying the attention of the fruit growers of the Pecos valley and they are busy picking, sorting and shipping the crop, which this year is fine in quantity, size and flavor.

A Las Vegas dispatch of August 11th says: Salazar Bros., shepherds of the Anton Concho country, went to jail today in default of bond. They are accused of stealing sheep from M. M. Romero's ranch at Las Conchas.

The board of trustees of the Gallup schools will make a number of changes in the school building this summer and improve the outside surroundings. An addition of two years will also be made to the present high school course.

The cattlemen of Grant county are protesting against the ruling made by the Department of the Interior that from and after January 1st next cattle owners whose animals graze on the reservation will be charged an annual grazing fee, amounting to from 15 to 50 cents per head.

One clause of the Archbishop Capelle's will is as follows: "My property, real and personal, situated in the territory of New Mexico, I will and bequeath to the Very Rev. Anthony Fourchort, administrator of the archdiocese of Santa Fe during the vacancy of that see."

A Las Vegas dispatch of August 14th says: Miguel Rimbort shot Antonio Griego in the thigh and beat him over the head with a revolver to-day on account of the wholly unwarranted suspicion that Griego had been meeting the former's wife. Griego stopped on the adjoining house and Rimbort, under a misapprehension, made the assault. Griego's condition is serious.

Governor Otero has appointed R. A. Pierce of Alamogordo a member of the board of trustees of the New Mexico Institute for the Blind at Alamogordo, and Marcelino Garcia a member of the board of trustees of the asylum for the deaf and dumb at Santa Fe. The board of the New Mexico school at El Rito elected Dr. J. S. Sloan of Santa Fe president and V. Jaramillo of El Rito treasurer and secretary.

President Luther Foster, of the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Mesilla Park will visit Estancia some time during the summer and make an address to the people of the Estancia valley on the subjects of dry farming and intensive cultivation. It may be arranged for Professor Foster to make his address during the session of the Torrance county fair this fall.

Rev. A. Poltz of Roswell will shortly run an exhibition car through the central and western states to advertise the fruit and products of the Pecos valley. The exhibit on the car will be a magnificent one and will include products and fruits from every section of the valley. Cars of this kind have been taken from the Pecos country before and have proved to be very profitable as an advertising scheme.

Hon. L. Bradford Prince on Thursday shipped 150 boxes of Clapp's Favorite pears from his Sunahine ranch, north of Espanola. This was the largest one day's shipment since this fruit season commenced. The pears were shipped to Colorado mining camps, the variety being of an early kind and very fine. This season's fruit crop in the Espanola valley is not only great, but of superior quality.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

The Santa Fe Railway Company has completed its plans to begin work on a two-story brick office building at Las Vegas. All the company offices and the division headquarters are now established in the Castañeda hotel. Now the offices must be moved to the new depot by November 1st, when the whole Castañeda will be devoted to hotel purposes. The Santa Fe also will build a new freight depot.

The city of Las Vegas has granted a fifty-year franchise to William A. Buddecke and associates of St. Louis for a street railway and lighting franchise, and Mr. Buddecke has placed in the hands of the council \$2,000 to be forfeited if he does not make improvements in the system amounting to \$150,000 within a year. The improvements include an extension of the system, new power house, new cars and new machinery.

The territorial cattle sanitary board on the 11th inst., announced the placing of a strict quarantine against cattle in all of Roosevelt and Union counties, and in parts of Chaves, Eddy, Guadalupe and Colfax counties until the scab is entirely driven out. The federal authorities informed the board that the government would take action if the board did not. The reports of the inspectors show that there is no scab elsewhere in the territory.

The force of convicts on the scenic highway between Las Vegas and this city is doing good work and construction is progressing satisfactorily. The counties of Santa Fe and San Miguel should carefully and diligently look after their part of this undertaking. Were this to be done, the scenic highway would be across the magnificent scenery of the Pecos forest reserve and would be ready and open by July 1, 1906. Its grand attractions would then be more fully advertised by the railroads interested and hundreds of tourists and well-to-do people in search of recreation, rest, the finest climate, the most attractive scenery, would visit it where there are not ten now.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

Sheriff Cleofes Romero of San Miguel county has the prisoners from the county jail at work building a road from Las Vegas to the Masonic cemetery.

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San Juan Naranjo, a Pueblo Indian, and a native of the Santa Clara Pueblo in Rio Arriba county, arrived in town Saturday and is visiting friends at the United States Indian Training school here. He was taught the trade of shoemaker at the training school and became a fine workman. He now holds the position of shoemaker at the United States Indian training school at Fort Lewis, Colorado, and has a large class of Indian boys learning the trade. He conducted the shoemaking work at the New Mexico Indian work at

At Las Vegas, on the 14th inst., Gordon Griest, the eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Griest, shot Alvin Palsani, aged thirteen, with a shotgun, the charges tearing one shoulder of the girl frightfully. Some of the shot entered her lungs and she died in a half hour. The children were alone in the Griest house at the time. The boy said he did not know the gun was loaded.

The fruit growers of the Espanola, Santa Cruz and adjoining valleys have formed a fruit growers' association, electing former Gov. L. B. Price, president; C. L. Pollard, vice president; James Curry, secretary, and W. L. Evans and Cosme Herrera, directors. The fruit crop of that section will this year consist of 500,000 pounds of apples, 250,000 pounds of pears, 200,000 pounds of plums, 300,000 pounds of peaches, 100,000 pounds of nectarines and other fruit.

A desperate encounter occurred on the ranch of J. P. Fletcher, four miles south of Albuquerque. Fletcher went to a closet to get some clothes, and as he opened the door a burglar sprang out and grappled with him. Both rolled to the floor and the burglar was getting the better of Fletcher, when his wife rushed in and beat off the robber with a stove poker. After the burglar had been beaten into unconsciousness he was bound and Fletcher brought him to the city and turned him over to officers.

An Alamogordo special to the Denver news says: Elder Herbert S. Rippen has fasted forty-three days. During the fast he drank plenty of water and took out for exercise. He fasted for beneficial reasons and upon scientific principles, claiming to purify his system and ward off diseases. At all times a vegetarian, his first meal after fasting was hot lemonade, butter-milk six days old, squash, tomatoes and rye bread. His weight when he began to fast was 157 pounds, and when the fast was completed 118 pounds. Otherwise he seems in perfect condition.

News reaches the New Mexican that Denver & Rio Grande surveyors are making a preliminary survey for a broad gauge railroad from Fort Garland, Colorado, to the town of Questa in northern Taos county, a distance of approximately fifty miles. The line is through a comparatively speaking, open country, passing through the thriving towns of San Luis, Colorado; Costilla, New Mexico, thence to Questa, from Questa to connect on with the present narrow gauge road of the Denver & Rio Grande at Embudo, through the Red River canon, and the canon of the Rio Grande. It would not be a difficult matter to build the road, as there would be a water grade through the canon for a distance of about fifty miles. The line would be about five miles in the Red River canon and then would follow the Rio Grande to Embudo.

The following official notice and call has been issued by the president of the New Mexico Association of Firemen, R. Ruppe, for the fifth annual convention, which will be held at Las Vegas on Tuesday, September 26th: Office of the Secretary, Santa Fe, New Mexico, August 9, 1905.

To the Firemen of New Mexico, Vol-unteer, Paid and Exempt.

Greeting: The fifth annual convention of the New Mexico Association of Firemen is hereby called to meet at Las Vegas, New Mexico, on Tuesday, September 26, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Brothers: The time has come when the firemen of New Mexico must meet and consult over the best means to protect their interests and it behooves each and every one of you to become members of this association and push and protect your interests through it and the mutual association.

Had we been able to show at the last session of the Legislature that we were united throughout our territory, and that every fireman, whether active or exempt, was a member, the surplus of the two per cent. tax on fire insurance premiums would now be paid where it belongs into the treasury of this association for the benefit of our sick and disabled firemen and the widows and orphans of our beloved dead. In all states this tax, which amounts to a large sum, is paid into the prison fund. Why is not here?

Can you afford to lose this money, or will you now come forward and assist those who have endeavored for years to carry on the association and help you all, by joining us in the good work and entering your names as members. All of you who can should come to the meeting or send delegates. Join us and assist us by paying your dues so we can carry on the good work. Drop all dissensions among yourselves and put your shoulders to the wheel and show the people of New Mexico that we are firm and united in the fight for our rights.

Some of the fire fighters from other states will be with us to read papers and demonstrate new apparatus, also some of the best men of the territory. A tournament and entertainment has been arranged by the fire companies and the citizens of Las Vegas and a full program of events will be sent out in a short time.

Hoping to meet as many of you as can come, we are, yours fraternally, THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF FIREMEN.

B. Ruppe, President.

A. M. Dettelbach, Secretary.

A strike of molybdenite has been made near Santa Fe.

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Artesia, N. M., Aug. 10.—Electric

The Santa Fe grades in northwestern New Mexico average one per cent, and it is the road's intention to reduce the maximum grade over the continental divide to six per cent. This will result in a great benefit, as now the grade is so steep that heavy freights experience difficulty in getting over it and must have assistance.

The celebration of the feast of San Lorenzo at Pecos, Taos county, last Thursday, was attended by over a thousand visitors from Taos, Chisum and other nearby points. Horse races, foot races, cock fights, and games were the features of the day.

In the event that was held, one resident had improvised a merry-go-round which practically coined money. The people of the mountain valleys on the western slope of the Taos range and Truchas peaks, are in a happy frame of mind. They have many thousands of acres in wheat, corn and oats ready for harvest and such a harvest, not even the oldest inhabitant remembers. Corn and wheat are six feet high; every available piece of ground had been planted in the spring; insect pests have done no damage and the fields of waving grain, flanked by green mountain sides, are a sight beautiful to behold.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

The men who "blazed the way" and drove out the Indians and outlaws from the Pecos valley of New Mexico have formed a society at Roswell, to be known as the Old Settlers' Society. To be eligible for membership the only requirement is that the applicant has been a resident of the Pecos valley for twenty years or more, or of New Mexico for twenty years or more. Over 100 registered Saturday and the list is gradually growing. The men who have been in the Pecos for twenty years or more are the most prosperous and influential men of southwestern New Mexico. They are professional men, bankers, sheep owners, cowmen, ranchmen, merchants, capitalists and officeholders. J. J. Hagerman is entitled to first place, having been born in Las Cruces in 1871.

Old Settlers' Society.

A dispatch from Roswell August 13th says: An Old Settlers' Society has been formed here of the men who have been in the Pecos valley of New Mexico twenty years or more. The organization starts off with over 100 members and it was these men who fought the Indians in the early days and bore many hardships.

The new society will give a picnic in a few days at which it is expected that there will be at least 2,000 invited guests. Bees and food enough to supply 3,000 people have been donated by the old settlers for the barbecue and picnic.

Among the old settlers who have registered are: E. A. Cahoon, cashier of the First National Bank of Roswell; Mayor J. F. Hinkle; Capt. Charles L. Ballard, representative in the New Mexico Legislature; J. Smith Lea, county treasurer; Capt. J. R. Rascoe, chief of police; ex-Sheriff Capt. Charles W. Haynes; ex-Sheriff Capt. Fredrick Higgins; Capt. John W. Poe, president of the Citizens' National Bank; Fred P. Gayle, county clerk; Alderman J. P. Church; Nathan Jaffa, merchant and cashier of the Citizens' National Bank; William S. Prager, merchant and sheepman; Francis Divers, ranchman; Thomas D. White, principal owner of the Yellow House ranch; R. S. Hamilton, veteran editor of the Roswell Register; J. Phelps White; Dr. E. H. Skidwell; A. T. Gunter; Edgar Calfee; John T. Stone; John Suter; Lucius Diller; Mark Howell; Charles Whitteman; W. B. Slaughter; William and Walter Chism of the famous Chism ranch; Thomas York, the famous rifle shot; V. R. Kenny, county surveyor; Karl A. Snyder, United States commissioner; W. H. Long; J. M. Hugh; M. Z. Walter; Fred H. and Sherman Miller and M. L. Pierce.

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Value of Forest Reserves.

Mining and stock men of southwestern New Mexico are complaining and protesting against the extension of the boundaries of the Gila forest reserve. This is not surprising, for it takes time for both of these industries to adapt themselves to the regulations which have been established for the government of forest reserves. The New Mexican, however, believes that sooner or later every interest will acknowledge that the value of the forest reserves to New Mexico is so much greater than any temporary advantage to any industry, that they will praise the federal government for having been sufficiently far-sighted to establish these reserves. Of course, there should also be a spirit of accommodation on the part of the forest reserve officials.

Forest reserves are not established for the purpose of hampering mining operations or to discourage stock raising, but to help them as well as every other class of settlers. In governing a forest reserve of over 3,000,000 acres upon which live several thousand people and are located valuable mines and timber, the government should not be so much more than a fair and equitable rule-maker and regulations should not be applied as rigidly as they are in supervising a force of office clerks at Washington. But all in all, forest reserves are a vast benefit to the arid West, and blessed is the day on which the federal government adopted the policy of establishing them.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

Charles Closson and deputy sheriffs returned to Santa Fe on the 8th inst. from the Redhouse on the upper Pecos with Miguel A. Otero, son of Governor Otero, to capture whom an attempt had been made a few days ago. The six kidnappers rode up to the summer cottage of William B. Childers, former United States attorney, and demanded from Mrs. Childers the person of the boy. She informed the men, who were fully armed, that the boy was absent. The men disarmed her and searched several buildings, but not finding the boy, rode away.

Word was received at Santa Fe on the 11th inst. from Texico, Roosevelt county, of an affray in which one man was killed and the other fatally wounded. George Stout, cook for a construction gang on the New Mexican Western railroad, a white man, ejected a negro from his kitchen. The negro, called by the name of Teddy Reed, another negro, slashed Stout in the abdomen, inflicting a fatal wound. Stout at the same instant, seized an iron track rod and beat the head of

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RUSSIAN ASSEMBLY

CZAR AUTHORIZES IT TO MEET

It Will Have Little Direct Power, but Its Influence Will Doubtless Be Great.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 19.—Emperor Nicholas has to-day announced the grant to the people of Russia of a national consultative assembly to be formed by elected representatives from the whole of Russia.

The new national assembly will be a consultative organization in connection with the Council of the Empire and not a legislative body. The powers of the Emperor remain theoretically absolute. As the Emperor is the supreme lawgiver and autocrat, the decisions of the Duma have only a recommendatory and not a binding force, though the rejection of any legislative measures by a two-thirds majority of both houses is sufficient to prevent that measure from becoming law.

The representatives of the people will have not only the right to be heard on any legislation proposed by the government but also can voice their desires on new laws and will have the right to exert a certain supervision over budgetary expenditures.

The suffrage, though wide, is not universal. It is based on property qualifications, the peasantry having a vote through membership in communal organizations. A considerable portion of the residents of the cities, possessing lands, together with women, sovers, civil functionaries, etc., are without suffrage.

The term of the Duma is to be five years, but it can be dissolved by the Emperor. There is to be a general session, but the Duma will also meet by sections, the length of the sessions being determined by the Emperor. The president and other officials are to be elected by the members.

Paragraph 19 of Section 3 provides "members of the Duma shall enjoy freedom in exchanging their opinions on matters within the competence of the body, and are not to be responsible to the electors."

Several sections are devoted to the exemptions to be enjoyed by the members and the reasons for and the occasions on which they can be deprived of their membership. The Duma can demand explanations from the ministers.

PEACE ENVOYS TO VISIT ROOSEVELT.

Apparently Little Hope of An Adjustment of Their Differences.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 19.—M. Witte last night made the following statement:

"I cannot say positively, because all things are possible, but I fear that the meeting on Tuesday will be the farewell session of the Washington conference. Russia has done her utmost for peace. She now knows Japan's irreducible minimum."

After the adjournment Secretary Pelee went to the telegraph office and not the President on the other end of the wire. It is understood he arranged with the President for the Russians to go to Oyster Bay. Arrangements were made by Baron Kaneko to-day for the Japanese to go there, consequently it is believed the envoys realize the last hope of peace lies with the President.

Black pessimism reigns at Portsmouth to-night. The prevailing view is that the fate of the peace conference is already sealed, that it has ended in failure, and that all that now remains is for the plenipotentiaries to meet on Tuesday, to which day they adjourned this evening upon completing the ceremonial consideration of the Japanese terms, sign the final protocol, go through the conventions, and bid each other farewell.

In other words, that the meeting Tuesday will be what diplomacy calls the "seance d'adieu." But there is still room for hope of a compromise.

Neither President Roosevelt nor the powers will see the chance of peace shipwrecked without a final effort, and that pressure is being exerted, especially at Tokio, to induce Japan to moderate her terms, is beyond question. Just what is being done or what is to be done has not transpired. King Edward is understood to be now leading a helping hand, and the financiers of the world are known to be exerting all their influence.

At Tokio and St. Petersburg the final issue will be decided. The Japanese have been implacable throughout the six days' sittings. They have listened and explained, but they have yielded not an iota of the substance of their original demands.

Bombs for Schiff and Guggenheim.

New York, Aug. 19.—An explosive package capable of causing death was sent to Jacob H. Schiff, the banker, to-day, at the office of Kahn, Loeb & Co., of which he is a member.

Mr. Schiff was at Bar Harbor, and when the machine, enclosed in a wooden box about six inches long, was received at his office, clerks immediately sent it to the police.

At first the police reported that the affair was a joke, but further investigation by an expert revealed the presence of thirty-one grains of a high explosive powder and two 32-calibre loaded cartridges.

A second infernal machine, resembling that sent to Jacob H. Schiff, was received through the mail to-day at the office of M. Guggenheim & Sons, at No. 21 Broadway. The contents were nearly the same as those of the Schiff bomb.

Fatally Hurt in Auto Race.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Webb Jay of Cleveland was probably fatally injured at Kenilworth Park yesterday in the ten mile automobile race.

At the three-quarters of a mile Jay's machine crashed through the fence, down an embankment of fifteen feet and into a pond of water.

What caused the accident is not known. It is believed, however, that Jay was blinded by dust and steered into the fence. He was driving about a mile a minute when the accident happened.

Jay was racing with Lytle and Burman. At three-quarters Jay was third and the dust cloud of the other cars hung over him, probably blinding him.

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PRESSURE FOR PEACE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS BUSY

Great Powers Uniting to Bring Russia and Japan to Agree On Terms.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 21.—The chances of peace undoubtedly have improved by President Roosevelt's action in stepping into the breach in a last heroic endeavor to induce the warring countries to compromise their "irreconcilable differences," but the result is still in suspense. The ultimate decision of the issue has de facto if not de jure passed from the plenipotentiaries to their principals, from Portsmouth to St. Petersburg, and perhaps in a lesser extent to Tokio.

Although there are collateral evidences that pressure both by President Roosevelt and neutral powers, including Japan's ally, Great Britain, whose minister, Sir Claude MacDonald, according to a dispatch received here, had a long conference yesterday afternoon with Mr. Katsura, the Japanese premier, is still being exerted at Tokio to induce Japan to moderate her demands, there is also reason to believe that President Roosevelt was able at this interview with Baron de Rosen to practically communicate to the latter's senior, Mr. Witte, Japan's irreducible minimum—what she would yield, but the point beyond which she would not go.

Whether an actual basis of compromise was proposed by the President can not be stated definitely. The only thing that can be affirmed positively is that if Russia refuses to act upon the suggestion or proposition of President Roosevelt the peace conference will end in failure. And in the Russian camp little encouragement is given.

Baron de Rosen reached here, after an all-night ride from Oyster Bay, shortly before noon, and immediately went into conference with M. Witte. They remained closeted together for almost three hours, during which the whole situation was reviewed. Baron de Rosen communicated to his chief the President's message and it was transmitted to the emperor, together with M. Witte's recommendation.

No clew to the nature of this recommendation has transpired. But it can be said that M. Witte, no matter how he personally may view the proposition, is distinctly pessimistic as to the character of the response which will come from St. Petersburg.

To a confidential friend this afternoon he offered little hope of a change in the situation.

The Japanese, it is firmly believed, cling to the substance of the form of their demand for remuneration for "the cost of the war."

Perhaps they are willing to decrease the sum asked, but substantial compensation under whatever guise it is obtained, they decline to relinquish. And they are also firm upon the cessation of Saghalien. By the transfer of the southern branch of the Chinese Eastern railway first to Japan for relinquishment to China, payment for the maintenance of the Russian prisoners and the surrender of the Russian war ships, it is possible to figure out a total transfer to Japan in money and property of about \$250,000,000. But this is the limit.

The Japanese as usual are very reticent and it is impossible to obtain from them the least indication of their view of the change in the situation produced by the President's action.

STATE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS

Hold a Convention and Adopt Strong Resolutions.

Deadwood, S. D., Aug. 21.—At the meeting of the National Association of Railway Commissioners the following resolutions in brief were adopted:

"First, to require all railroad companies and other corporations to file all rates and regulations with the commission and publish rates for information of the public.

"Second, if a rate is found unjust, the commission be given power to annul it until the courts decide the matter.

"Third, if a carrier is found to discriminate against persons or places, he shall at once be ordered out to conform with rules.

"Fourth, no corporation shall be allowed to increase a rate without first consulting the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"Fifth, that any railroad company or corporation be compelled to give up their books to the commission upon demand.

"Sixth, that the law give the commission power to make rules and regulations for the government of private car lines.

"Seventh, that section 4 of the act to regulate commerce is not full and definite and should be amended.

"Eighth, that heavy penalties be levied on corporations not obeying orders."

KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE.

Accident Causes Death of Son of Thomas F. Walsh.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 21.—A Newport, Rhode Island, dispatch of August 19th says: Vincon Walsh, son of Thomas F. Walsh of Washington, D. C., formerly of Colorado, was killed, Miss Evelyn Walsh, his sister, was seriously hurt, and Mrs. James L. Kornochan, Harry Oelrich and Herbert Peil were injured at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, when young Mr. Walsh's 40-horse power Mercedes automobile tore through a rail fence a short distance from Easton Beach, and plunged into a creek, taking part of the bridge with it. The party were all in Mr. Walsh's automobile and were returning from a luncheon which Mrs. Clement C. Moore had given at the Clam Bank Club.

William P. Delman, superintendent of police, and Patrolman William Watson saw the automobile just before the accident and noted that it was making great speed. They say it was going at the rate of at least forty miles an hour. They were about to time it as it came tearing over the country roads, but it disappeared behind a hill and they did not see it plunge into the creek. Vincon Walsh, who was running the machine, had caused his father considerable concern as to fast driving, and in a letter to chief of Police Crowley, written a few days ago, Mr. Walsh said he had repeatedly warned his son.

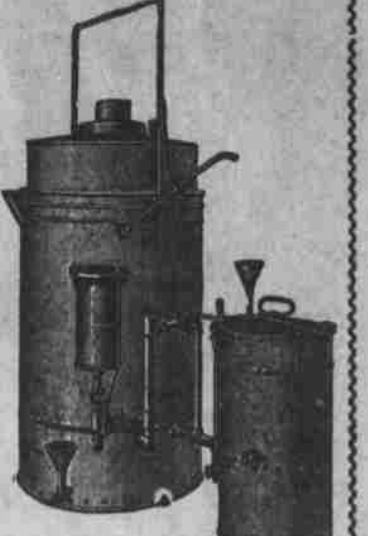
A later dispatch says that Miss Evelyn Walsh and the others injured in the automobile accident which cost Vincon Walsh his life showed much improvement yesterday. Miss Walsh is the only one who will be unable to get out of doors soon. She has not been informed of the death of her

Gas Light for Country Homes.

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